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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone on frozen 8-16 lb. hens was steady to fully steady, best on 10-12 lb sizes. Toms were barely steady. Trading was fairly heavy in the West on private label hens and toms with price ceilings of 69 and 67 cents respectively for October shipment. Fresh tom breast meat was steady to firm due to limited supplies and an improved demand. Trading on bulk parts was limited to spot loads.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

In a press release, USDA announced the poultry trade dispute between the U.S. and Russia has been resolved. Both sides have agreed to a new veterinary certificate that will allow U.S. exports to Russia to continue.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **AUGUST 22, 2002**

	CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/				FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/			OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/	
	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	65-67	65	65.00	40	69.00	40	SEP	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	64-66	-	-	-	72.00	40	OCT	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	65-67	-	-	-	67.00	40	SEP	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	58-60	-	-	-	62.00	40	SEP	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	57-59	-	-	-	65.00	40	OCT	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	58-60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	58-60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	57-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	57-60	57	57.00	10	-	-	-	1100	OCT

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days.

3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

WEEK OF AUGUST 23, 2002	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	65.50	66.75**	66.10
CENTRAL REGION	65.40**	67.50	66.50
WESTERN REGION	66.00**	66.00**	68.00
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	58.80**	61.00**	62.00
CENTRAL REGION	58.20**	60.50	61.50
WESTERN REGION	57.00	60.50**	63.00**

**BASED ON OFFERS

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY,
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	96
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	96
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	71
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	66
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	68-72

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	89-119
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	89-119
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	85-105
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	84-105
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	102-105

FRESH TURKEYS WITH TIMERS OR EQUIVALENT U.S. GRADE A,
DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, EASTERN REGION, CENTS

PER POUND, WEEK OF	26-AUG-2002	(8-16#)	(16-24#)	
		<u>HENS</u>	<u>LBS TOMS</u>	<u>LBS</u>
		<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000)</u>	<u>PRICE</u>
				<u>(000)</u>
SALES (PROMOTIONS INCLUDED)	73.77	235	66.82	17
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	73.77	235	66.82	17
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)				
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)				

TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND

(IN THOUSAND POUNDS)

SLAUGHTER-CERTIFIED RTC TURKEYS

JULY	475,262*
AUGUST 1-17, 2002	247,140*
To date 2002	3,229,661*
To date 2001	3,236,549*

* PRELIMINARY

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 17-Aug-2002

(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

YOUNG TURKEYS			TOTAL TURKEYS			
		PCT	AVG		AVG	
		CHG	LIVE	OLD	LIVE	
-THOUSAND HEAD-		PW	WT	BANDED	WT	
				-THOUSAND HEAD-		
N EAST	731	3	21.02	(A)	731	21.02
SATL	697	-13	27.07	(A)	697	27.07
N CENT	2,295	-2	29.55	(A)	2,295	29.55
S CENT	507	7	21.45	(A)	507	21.45
WEST	557	2	22.61	(A)	557	22.61
U.S. TOTAL	4,787(B)	-2	26.22	0	4,787	26.22
TO-DATE						
2002	150,963(B)			254	151,217	
TO-DATE						
2001	156,484(B)			395	156,879	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 86,000 for the year 1,615,000; last year to date 1,359,000.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 17-Aug-2002

	YOUNG		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS		
	<u>THOUSANDS</u>				
HEAD	1,885	2,816	86	0	4,787
AVG WT	14.95	33.85	23.50	0.00	26.22
LAST WEEK	1,883	2,945	54	16	4,898
SAME WK YR AGO	2,087	2,804	72	9	4,972
AVG WT	15.30	33.12	23.57	31.29	25.50
TO-DATE/2002	60,122	89,226	1,615	254	151,217
TO-DATE/2001	66,222	88,903	1,359	395	156,879

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NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 22 AUGUST 2002.

Trade sentiment on fresh tom breast meat and fresh destrapped tenderloins steady to firm, mostly fully steady to firm. Frozen white meat trade sentiment steady to instances weak. Fresh white meat demand was fair to good, best on tom breast meat and destrapped tenderloins. Frozen white meat demand light at best. Offerings of fresh white meat were held with confidence with supplies of fresh tom breast meat and destrapped tenderloins short of buyers' needs for prompt shipments. Frozen white meat offerings were mixed with some increased thawing noted on frozen tom breast meat. Supplies of tom drums were being held with increasing confidence. Mechanically separated turkey (MST) market steady. Domestic trading centered on a heavy volume of fresh 4-8 lb. breasts, balance light. Tails traded at 18 cents and plant grade non-basted 14-16 lb. breasts 100 cents delivered. Export trading centered on a moderate volume of frozen thigh meat, balance light. For export: tom necks 14, drummettes 20, hearts 25, MST 21 (September shipments), tom defatted gizzards 48.50 cents (September shipments) delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		R	98.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/	133.00		133.00	1,000
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	89.00		89.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	18.00		18.00	240
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		F	20.70	93
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		W	20.00	7
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	22.00-23.00		22.67	21
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		W	22.00	15
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	30.00-52.00		39.63	32
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		W	52.00	2
NECKS, TOM	14.00-15.00		14.45	31
NECKS, HEN		W	14.00	9
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	132.00		132.00	200
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	170.00-172.00		170.42	190
THIGH MEAT		F	49.38	104
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	49.00-51.00		50.00	80
BREAST TRIM MEAT		F	88.00	10
SCAPULA MEAT		F	76.00	12
TENDERLOINS		F	110.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		F	135.00	12
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	136.00		136.00	80
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		T	48.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		T	18.00	20
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	17.00		17.00	160
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	20.00		20.00	240
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	18.00	108
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	24.00	216
TAILS		F	15.75	216
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	19.00		19.00	80
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	41.50-53.00		43.85	620

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.):

M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins. 4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 23 AUGUST 2002.

Trade sentiment on fresh tom breast meat was steady to firm for the fair to good demand. Offerings were limited and held with confidence. Frozen tom breast meat trade sentiment was steady to instances fully steady. Some sellers increased their frozen tom breast meat offering prices in response to the strong fresh market while others note adequate offerings. Demand light. Fresh destrapped tenderloin trade sentiment steady to firm and some increased confidence was noted on frozen. Fresh demand was fair to good, frozen light. Destrapped tenderloin offerings were tight on fresh, frozen mixed as some thaw frozen inventories for internal usage. The thigh meat undertone was about steady with some Russian interest noted for September shipments. Domestic trading light. Mature hen drums 13.50 cents, private label Grade A basted-netted-timed 4-8 lb. breasts 98 delivered October, and frozen tom breast meat +6 months age 122 cents delivered current, tom defatted gizzards 45 cents shipping point. Export trading light.

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BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/						
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	133.00	1,000	133.00	1,000
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		R	89.00	80	90.00	120
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		R	18.00	240	18.00	240
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		F	20.70	93		
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	19.00		19.00	48	19.13	55
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	21.00		21.00	40	21.90	79
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	22.00		22.00	33	22.00	48
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	39.63	32	39.12	34
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		W	52.00	2	52.00	2
NECKS, TOM	14.00-16.00		14.47	136	14.49	215
NECKS, HEN		W	14.00	9	14.00	9
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	132.00		132.00	200	132.00	880
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	176.00		176.00	40	171.83	254
THIGH MEAT		F	49.38	104		
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	53.00		53.00	22	50.65	102
BREAST TRIM MEAT		F	88.00	10		
SCAPULA MEAT	77.00		77.00	20	77.00	20
TENDERLOINS		F	110.00	40		
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		F	135.00	12		
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	134.00		134.00	70	135.47	216
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		T	48.00	80	48.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		T	18.00	20	18.00	20
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	18.00		18.00	40	17.85	665
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	17.50-19.00		18.30	224	19.64	648
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	18.00	108		
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	23.50		23.50	52	23.50	52
TAILS		F	15.75	216		
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	19.00		19.00	40	19.00	120
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	50.00-56.00		50.94	332	47.93	1,756

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